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NOTE FOR:

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SUBJECT : Whither the IR&DC?

a. The Council's advice could be refocussed to go in one of two following directions:

-- One, given the current membership, to lend direct support to Dr. Perry as DDR&E.

-- Two, in keeping with its formal charter as a DCI Committee, to offer Community-wide advice to the DCI.

b. In either case, the Council's advice should be over a broad range of R&D issues and should have some direct impact on the NFIP.

c. As advisory to the DDR&E, the Council's concern with technical subjects is highly appropriate.

d. As a DCI committee, with a different membership and a Community chairman, the frame of reference would be broader.

e. DCI Committees are subordinated to fit the responsibilities of the DCI's community deputies. A committee on R&D cuts across lines, but its primary impact would probably be on resource management; that is, systems acquisition.

f. Is Perry anxious to receive the Council's advice directly?

g. Would a DCI committee function serve the DCI (and Perry) better?

h. Would Perry like to nominate a committee chairman?